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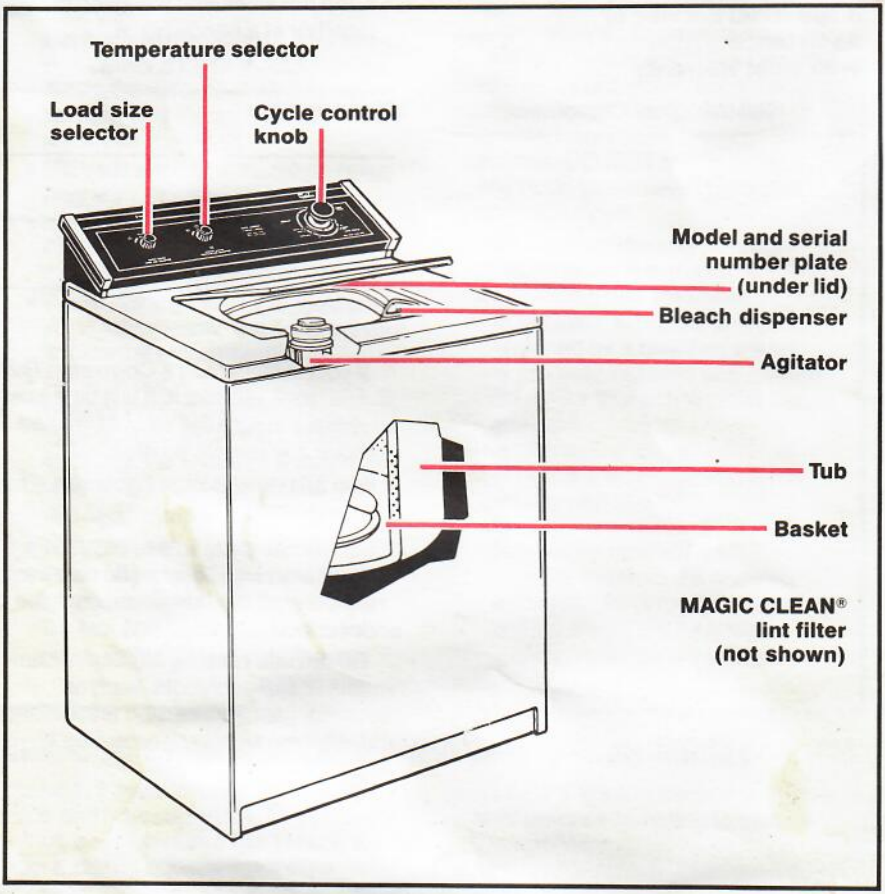
Use & Care Guide



SUPER CAPACITY TWO SPEED AUTOMATIC WASHERS

LA5578XT LA5580XT LA5668XT LA6058XT LA6065XT

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Thank you for buying a Whirlpool appliance. Please complete and mail the Owner Registration Card provided with this product. Then complete the form below. Have this information ready if you need service or call with a question.

- Copy model and serial numbers from plate (under lid near hinge) and the purchase date from the sales slip.
- Keep this book and the sales slip together in a handy place.

Model Number

Serial Number

Purchase Date

Service Company Phone Number

If your washer has a Consumer Buy Guide label, remove it. It will be easier to remove before the washer is used. To remove any remaining glue:

- Rub briskly with thumb to make a ball, then remove.

  or

- Soak area with liquid hand dishwashing detergent before removing glue as described above.

Do not use rubbing alcohol or flammable or toxic solvents, such as acetone, gasoline, carbon tetrachloride, etc. These can damage the finish.

Important Safety Instructions

⚠WARNING **To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury to persons when using your washer, follow basic precautions, including the following:**

- **Read these Laundry Instructions for important use and safety information before using your washer.**
- **NEVER** wash items cleaned, washed, soaked in or spotted with wax, paint, gasoline, or in flammable fluids in the washer. The fumes can create a **FIRE HAZARD** or **EXPLOSION. ALWAYS** hand launder and air dry fabrics containing these materials.
- **NEVER** allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the washer. Close supervision of children is necessary when the washer is used near children.
- When discarding an old washer, **ALWAYS** remove the lid to prevent accidental entrapment.
- **NEVER** put your hands into the washer until all motion stops. If the lid is opened while the basket is spinning, the basket will automatically stop in a few seconds.
- **DO NOT** tamper with controls.
- **NEVER** use or store flammable fluids (dry-cleaning solvents, kerosene) in or near your washer. Do Not add flammable fluids to the wash water. These substances give off vapors that can create a **FIRE HAZARD** or **EXPLOSION.**
- If hot water has not been used recently (usually 2 weeks or longer), hydrogen gases may build up in the water heater and the hot water pipes. **HYDROGEN GAS IS EXPLOSIVE.** To prevent injury or damage, before using your washer, turn on all hot water faucets and allow water to run for several minutes. This will allow gases to escape. DO NOT smoke or use any open flame near the faucet while it is open.
- **You are personally responsible for making sure that your washer:**
  - is installed, repaired, and parts replaced by a qualified person.
  - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight.*
  - is connected to the right kind of outlet, electric supply, water supply and drain.*
  - is properly grounded.*
  - is properly maintained.*
  - is protected from the weather and kept where the temperature will not fall below freezing.

*See the Installation Instructions.

– SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS –

Additional safety instructions and your responsibilities

- **ALWAYS** store detergent, laundry aids and other materials in a cool, dry place where children can't reach them – in a locked cabinet if possible.
- **ALWAYS** read and follow instructions on packages of detergent and laundry aids – especially warnings and precautions.
- **HAZARDOUS FUMES** can be formed if chlorine bleach is used in the same wash as ammonia or acids such as vinegar or rust remover.
- **ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord before attempting to service the washer.
- **DO NOT** machine wash glass fiber materials. Small particles can stick to fabrics washed in following loads and cause skin irritation.
- **You are personally responsible for making sure that your washer:**
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home automatic washers.
  - is not run by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.

Operating Instructions

The drawings in this book may vary slightly from your washer model. They are designed to show the different features of all the models covered by this book.

NOTE: Your model may not include all the features shown.

Starting your washer

Be sure to measure and add detergent, then place a sorted load in the washer before starting it.

(all models except LA5668XT and LA5580XT)

1. Select a load size

(all models except LA5668XT and LA5580XT)

- The water level can be set for EX SMALL (a few items), MEDIUM or EX LARGE (a full load).

(model LA5668XT)

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(model LA5580XT)

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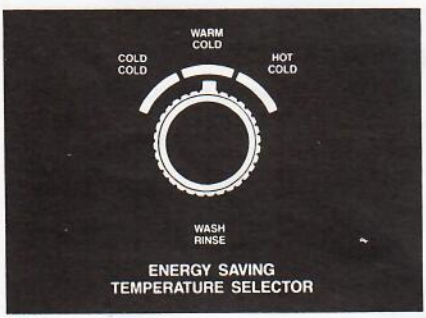
- Set the knob anywhere on or between EX SMALL (a few items) and EX LARGE (a full load).

NOTE: Use the EX LARGE or LARGE water level setting for best permanent press results.

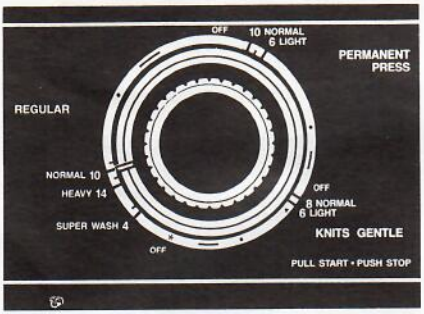


2. Select water temperature

- Match the water temperature to the type of fabric and soils being washed.
- The top temperature is the wash selection and the bottom temperature is the rinse selection.

NOTE: Use warm wash water with the PERMANENT PRESS or KNITS/GENTLE Cycles.

For heavily soiled permanent press or knit clothes, pre-wash or pre-soak before washing in warm water.



3. Select cycle and wash time Start the washer

- Push in the Cycle Control Knob and turn it to the right.
- Stop on the number in the wash cycle you want. The numbers are minutes of wash time.
- Start the washer by pulling out the Cycle Control Knob. The washer will fill to the selected water level with the selected wash water temperature. After filling, the washer will agitate for the selected number of minutes.
- To stop the washer at any time, push in the Cycle Control Knob. To restart the washer, pull out the Cycle Control Knob.

What happens in each cycle

Each cycle has different agitation and spin speeds designed for different kinds of fabrics.

Numbers on the dial in each cycle are the minutes of wash agitation time.

When the Cycle Control Knob is set to a number and pulled out, the washer fills before agitation and timing starts. After agitation starts, the knob turns clockwise until it points to OFF and the cycle ends.

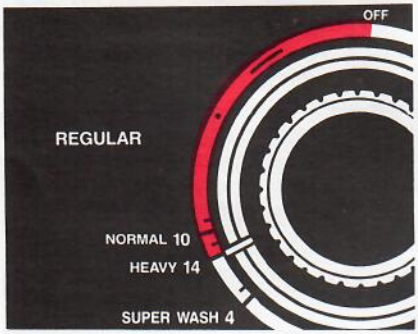
Gentle Wash System

For better fabric care in the REGULAR and PERMANENT PRESS Cycles, the agitation speed is reduced during the last few minutes of wash agitation time. **NOTE:** You may hear the sound of water spraying during the spin parts of some cycles. In some cycles, cold water is sprayed on the spinning load to help with the rinsing.

The washer will pause briefly through-out each cycle. These pauses are normal. They allow for the reversing of the motor, normal washer operation and the cool-down portion of the PERMANENT PRESS Cycle.

Regular/Heavy Cycle

A cycle for sturdily constructed fabrics that are heavily soiled.



FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	8-6 Minutes High Speed
WASH	6 Minutes Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed, Spray Rinse

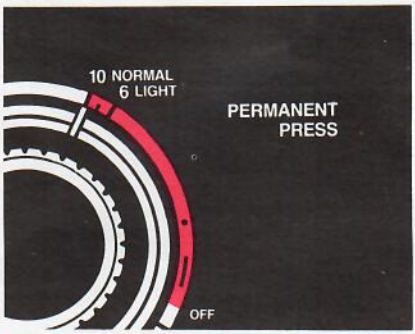
Regular/Normal Cycle

A cycle for regular loads of fabrics that are moderately soiled.

FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	4 Minutes High Speed
WASH	6 Minutes Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed, Spray Rinse

Permanent Press/Normal Cycle

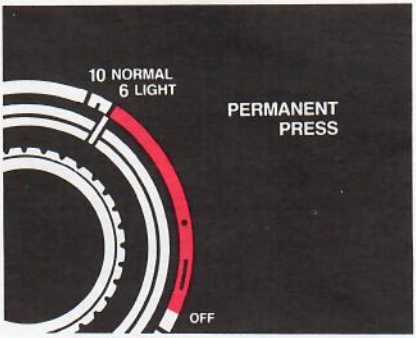
A cycle designed for moderately soiled permanent press and some synthetic fabrics. The cool-down rinse helps keep wrinkles from setting into these items.



FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	6 Minutes High Speed
WASH	4 Minutes Low Speed
PARTIAL DRAIN	(Pause)
REFILL COOL-DOWN	
WASH	Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
SPIN	High Speed

Permanent Press/Light Cycle

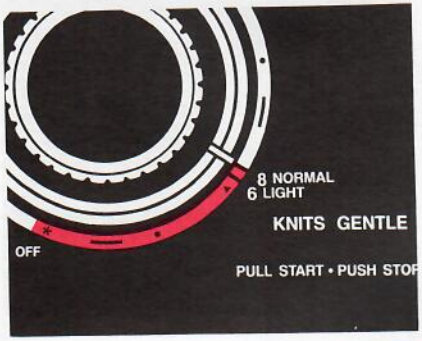
A cycle designed for lightly soiled permanent press and some synthetic fabrics. The cool-down rinse helps keep wrinkles from setting into these items.



FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	2 Minutes High Speed
WASH	4 Minutes Low Speed
PARTIAL DRAIN	(Pause)
REFILL COOL-DOWN	
WASH	Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
SPIN	High Speed

Knits Gentle/Normal Cycle

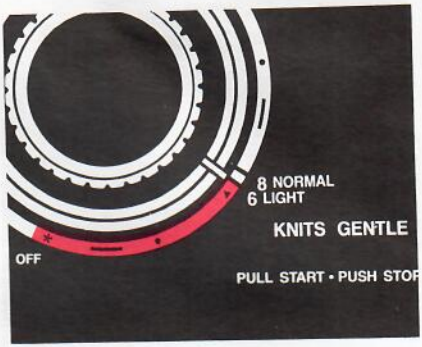
A cycle that gently washes and spins moderately soiled delicate items and washable knits.



FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	4 Minutes Low Speed
▲SOAK	2 Minutes No Agitation
WASH	2 Minutes Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed, Spray Rinse

Knits Gentle/Light Cycle

A cycle that gently washes and spins lightly soiled delicate items and washable knits.

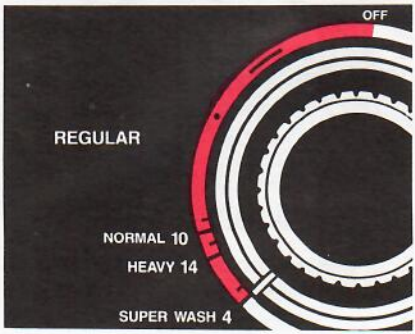


FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	2 Minutes Low Speed
▲SOAK	2 Minutes No Agitation
WASH	2 Minutes Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Low Speed, Spray Rinse

▲Indicates that machine is pausing for a brief soak period.

Super Wash Cycle

Use for washing heavily soiled loads that require maximum soil removal. Double the amount of detergent recommended when using the SUPER WASH Cycle.



FILL to Selected Level

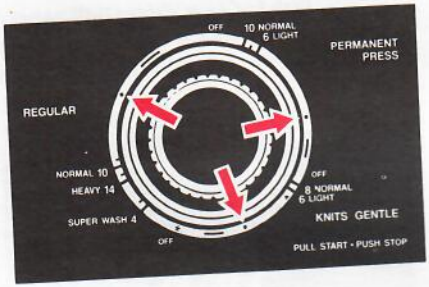
WASH 4 Minutes High Speed

PARTIAL DRAIN No Agitation

REFILL to Selected Level

After Partial Drain, the washer automatically refills and goes into the REGULAR/HEAVY Cycle. Be sure to use enough detergent for the double wash.

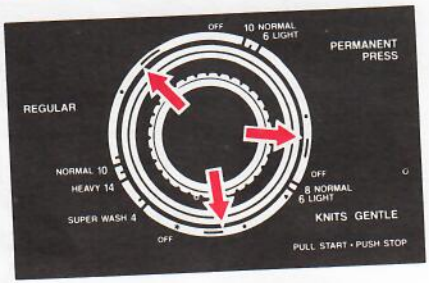
Other Operating Instructions



Rinse and spin

You may need an extra rinse and spin for heavily soiled loads which have had extra detergent added for proper cleaning.

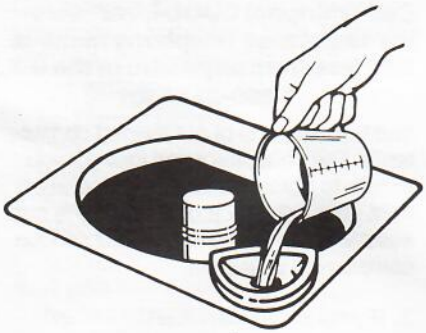
1. Push Cycle Control Knob in.
2. Turn clockwise to any dot on the dial.
3. Pull Cycle Control Knob out. The washer will fill to selected level, agitate 2 minutes, drain and spin.



Drain and spin

Your washer can be set to drain and spin out water.

1. Push Cycle Control Knob in.
2. Turn clockwise to the bar just before the OFF area in any cycle. See drawing.
3. Pull Cycle Control Knob out. The washer will drain and spin.



Liquid bleach dispenser

Always measure bleach. Do not guess. Never use more than 1 cup (250 mL) for a full load. Use less with lower water level settings. Follow directions on bottle for safe use. Use a cup with a pouring spout to avoid spilling.

1. Load the washer first.
2. Pour measured bleach carefully into dispenser. Do not let bleach splash, drip or run down into washer basket. Undiluted bleach will damage any fabric it touches.
3. Start the washer. Bleach will be diluted automatically during the wash part of the cycle.

MAGIC CLEAN® lint filter

The lint filter in your washer cleans itself. Collected lint is drained away with the wash and rinse water.

If your washer drains into a tub, remove any lint collected in the drain or strainer.

If You Need Service Or Assistance

We suggest you follow these five steps:

1. Before calling for assistance...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

If your washer does not fill:

- Is the power supply cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Are both water faucets open?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?
- Are the water supply hoses kinked?
- Is the Cycle Control Knob set and pulled out?

If your washer does not spin:

- Is the lid closed?
- Is the power supply cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

If your washer stops during a cycle:

- Remember, the washer pauses briefly at different times in each cycle. These pauses are normal.

If your washer fills and drains without running:

- Make sure that the Cycle Control Knob is pointing to a number in the cycle.

Make sure the drain hose is higher than the water level in the washer. If it isn't:

- The washer may seem to be draining during wash and rinse cycles.
- Water can siphon out. (See Installation Instructions.)

2. If you need assistance*...

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number. Dial free from anywhere in the U.S.:

1-800-253-1301

and talk with one of our trained consultants. The consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

3. If you need service*...

Whirlpool TECH-CARE FRANCHISED SERVICE

Whirlpool has a nationwide network of franchised TECH-CARE® Service companies. TECH-CARE service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate TECH-CARE service in your area, call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES – HOUSEHOLD – MAJOR – SERVICE & REPAIR

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – MAJOR – REPAIRING & PARTS

OR

WASHING MACHINES, DRYERS & IRONERS – SERVICING

WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES FRANCHISED TECH-CARE SERVICE

SERVICE COMPANIES

XYZ SERVICE CO
123 MAPLE 999-9999

4. If you have a problem*...

Call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

Mr. Donald Skinner
Director of Customer Relations
Whirlpool Corporation
2000 M-63
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

5. If you need FSP® replacement parts*...

FSP is a registered trademark of Whirlpool Corporation for quality parts. Look for this symbol of quality whenever you need a replacement part for your Whirlpool appliance. FSP replacement parts will fit right and work right, because they are made to the same exacting specifications used to build every new Whirlpool appliance.

To locate FSP replacement parts in your area, refer to Step 3 or call the Whirlpool COOL-LINE service assistance number in Step 2.

*If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request for assistance.

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Whirlpool® Automatic Washer Warranty

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LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY From Date of Purchase	FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials (including top and lid rust) or workmanship. Service must be provided by a franchised TECH-CARE® service company.
LIMITED FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY From Date of Purchase	FSP replacement parts for any part of gearcase assembly if defective in materials or workmanship. The gearcase assembly is shown below. FSP replacement parts for any top and lid rust.
LIMITED TEN-YEAR WARRANTY From Date of Purchase	FSP replacement of outer tub should it crack, or fail to contain water, due to defective materials or workmanship.

WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR

A. Service calls to:
1. Correct the installation of the washer.
2. Instruct you how to use the washer.
3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring or plumbing.

B. Repairs when washer is used in other than normal, single-family household use.

C. Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.

D. Damage to washer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.

E. Any labor costs during the limited warranties.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Outside the United States, a different warranty may apply. For details, please contact your franchised Whirlpool distributor or military exchange.

Gearcase assembly covered by your warranty

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